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in New York City



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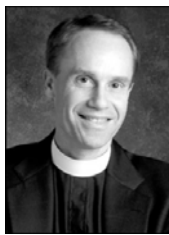
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Sunday, February 17, 2013

The First Sunday in Lent

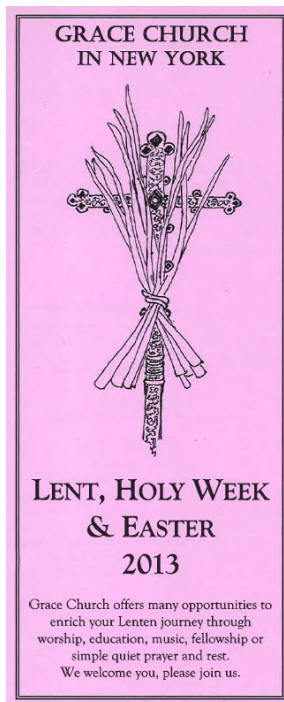


Dear Friends,

Some time ago the folks at Listerine Mouthwash developed an advertising slogan for their product that caught consumer attention and even entered into common parlance. Listerine was *The Taste You Love to Hate*. In those days, before Listerine came out with a diversity of minty flavors to curb halitosis (bad breath), the original gold colored mouthwash tasted like furniture polish. It was awful, but no bad-breath germ in your mouth would be able to survive the experience. Subject yourself to Listerine twice per day, and you'd be cleansed: free to be up close with friends and loved one for talking or much more.

On the Christian calendar, one way to think about Lent is this: *The Season You Love to Hate*. During Lent the prayers, hymns, and Scripture readings in our worship take on a different tone. They focus on sin and the evil powers that seduce us into lives that are less than pleasing to God. They also challenge us to overcome the complacent settlements we think we have arranged with God. What you and I hear during Lent may not be what we want to hear, but if we subject ourselves to it, we will be in some measure cleansed, even ready for a closer walk - and talk - with God.

Throughout the history of the church certain people have tried to serve as Listerine to faith. The Adult Education Committee is putting together a Sunday Forum series for Lent entitled: *Trying Christians: Challengers of Complacent*



Find copies around the Church and Parish House or **click on the image** above. (Highlights under **COMING SOON** below.)

Music, fellowship and good works, too!

February 23 - Announcing... HURRICANE SANDY BENEFIT: VIVALDI GLORIA The Adult Choir will offer Vivaldi's beautiful GLORIA on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 4 pm in the Church to help our neighbors with so much need after the damage of Super Storm Sandy. Please come to enjoy the music and to make a difference!

TWO WAYS TO HELP:

Financial contributions
One hundred percent of your contributions will provide shelter, heat, hot water, building repair or other recovery measures

Faith. The word "trying" can and should be read in more than one way. Each week we will learn about a Christian who discerned evil and injustice and *tried* to address it. In so doing, they *tried* the patience of other Christians who didn't see things the same way, or were simply content to look the other way. In some cases, what they had to say was good for us to hear, but we didn't want to hear it. Their words left the taste we love to hate in our mouths.

You can read more about the series below, as well as information about our other Lenten opportunities on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Welcome to Lent, everyone - the season you love to hate!

See you in church.

[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)
Rector

This Sunday, February 17, 2013

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton
Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton
Music: The Adult Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

THE SUNDAY FORUM AT 10AM - TRYING CHRISTIANS: Challengers of Complacent Faith (Sundays in Lent) Classes will focus on the lives of Christians who challenge the foundational beliefs and practices of our shared faith. They are simultaneously inspiring and infuriating; unifying and divisive; charismatic and corrosive. Each has succeeded in moving the Church in one direction or another as they write books, develop followings, and manage to hold sway with what some to see as prophetic ministries. As we each adopt Lenten disciplines of self-reflection, a meditation on these figures reminds us to guard against complacency in our own religious lives. *Held in Tuttle Hall; pick up some refreshment at coffee hour and join the discussion.* **ON 2/17: Mary Daly (1928-2010) was among the most radical of feminist theologians.** This lecture will outline the reasons why her presence was, and remains, so challenging. Led by Catharine R. Stimpson, University Professor and Dean Emerita, Graduate School of Arts and Science, The Steinhardt Institute for Higher Education Policy, NYU.

on Staten Island. (Checks payable to "Grace Church," mark "storm relief" in the memo line. Contributions are tax-deductible as provided under law).

Food donations: Canned and dry goods that will support *Hope for our Neighbors in Need*, the feeding ministry at the Church of the Village (13th St and 7th Ave). This weekly feeding program seeks to provide short term hunger relief to our neighbors in the Village, while education and information efforts help to offer long term solutions.

AFTERWARDS, plan to attend the **GRACE AND THE ARTS (event description below) WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION** in Tuttle Hall and support local (including members of Grace Church) artists! Enjoy a perfect night out - classical music, wine, fellowship and good works too!

NEWCOMER CLASS CONTINUES - 12:30 PM - Everyone new to Grace Church in the past year is encouraged to attend this final session at 12:30 pm in the Reception Room. A light lunch is served. **On 2/17 the Rector will talk about the history and worship of Grace Church.**

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT: FROM SIN TO FORGIVENESS 7PM (Sundays in Lent) - On Sunday evenings directly after the 6 pm service in the Chantry, we will reflect on our spiritual journeys from sin and brokenness to forgiveness and healing. This series is centered on the Eucharistic lections and uses outside readings, film, lectures, and discussion/reflection groups. We begin with light refreshment and will end by 8:30 pm. Topics include **Prayer: A Daily Conversation (Feb 17)**; Sin, Self & Freedom: Jesus as Martyr (Feb 24); Judgment: A Biblical Perspective (Mar 3); Forgiveness: The Prodigal Son (Mar 10); and Grace: Accepting God's Love (Mar 17). Make these classes a part of your Lenten journey; join for one or all of them. Led by the clergy of Grace Church and special guest speakers.

COMING SOON

FEB 20, 27, MAR 6, 13, & 20 - LENTEN FILM STUDY: THE DECALOGUE (Wednesdays in Lent) The Reverends Sarah Wood and Stephen Holton will lead a study on five of the ten films Krzysztof Kieslowski directed for Polish public television in the late 1980s entitled *The Decalogue*. We will consider the characters established within the cinematic medium, discover theological threads: temptation, examination, repentance, forgiveness, and grace, and finally acknowledge the ways in which our own lives express these habits. Class will begin as early as 6:45 pm (directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist) and conclude by 8:15 pm, in the Music Room.

FEB 22 - 20s30s LENTEN SUSHI FRIDAYS - Enjoy a meal, prayer and fellowship with others in their 20s and 30s at 7 pm every Friday during Lent. Various locations. *RSVP and learn the location by 5 pm each THURSDAY to Melissa Spindler at mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org.*

FEB 23 - HURRICANE SANDY BENEFIT: VIVALDI GLORIA (See sidebar for description.)

FEB 23 & 24 - Join local artists and artisans, including Grace Church parishioners, who will be exhibiting their finest work, accompanied by live music and refreshments. **On Saturday, from 6-8 pm join us for a festive wine and cheese reception and preview!** (The \$10 admission gets you in to Sunday's event too!) **On Sunday the fair continues from 12:30 -5 pm.** The fair is organized by the ECW to celebrate the creativity of our parish. Please join us in support and fellowship!

MAR 24 - EXCERPTS FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH PART II - On Palm Sunday at 4 pm in the Church, the Adult Choir will offer

Choral Evensong
featuring excerpts from
the Easter Portion of
Handel's MESSIAH.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

GRACE AND THE ARTS FAIR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 6 - 8PM
WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION \$10. DONATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 12:30 - 5PM
\$2. DONATION AT THE DOOR

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